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FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2103

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SUBJECT: CHINA STAR SONG ENSEMBLE

REF A) STATE 129521 B) STATE 118701 C) STATE 117820

1. GROUP DESCRIBED REF A APPEARS TO BE SAME AS GROUP
REFERRED TO

IN PREVIOUS DEPARTMENT CABLES, REFS B AND C. LATTER TWO
CABLES, RECEIVED JUNE 6 AND 7, APPROVED H-2 PETITION
FOR 17-PERSON "CHINA STARS PERFORMING GROUP" SPONSORED BY
ORIENTAL MELODIES INC, 1745 FOREST AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND N.Y.
10303, ATT. STEPHEN M. LOW.

2. EMBASSY'S FIRST CONTACT WITH GROUP CAME YESTERDAY, JUNE
17, WHEN CONSULAR SECTION RECEIVED PHONE CALLS FROM GROUP'S
MANAGER AND FROM LAWYER ELMER FREED (THE LATTER CALLING FROM
NEW YORK) TO REQUEST URGENT PROCESSING OF VISAS. ACCORDING TO
THE TWO CALLERS, GROUP PLANS DEPART TAIPEI JUNE 21 FOR
PERFORMANCE IN NEW YORK JUNE 22. VISA APPLICATIONS HAVE NOT

YET BEEN SUBMITTED BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO MANAGER, MEMBERS
HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ROC PASSPORTS.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING INSTRUCTIONS, WE INFORMED
MANAGER THAT ITINERARY MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION.

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HE SAID THAT HE WOULD GIVE US ITINERARY TODAY, BUT

AS OF COB HE HAD NOT APPEARED. WE WILL CABLE ITINERARY
WHEN AVAILABLE. VISAS WILL NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT
DEPARTMENT'S EXPLICIT APPROVAL.

4. WE HAVE CONTACTED GIO AND MOFA BUT AS YET DO NOT HAVE
MUCH INFORMATION ON GROUP. IT APPEARS THAT IT IS NOT
TECHNICALLY GROG-SPONSORED, BUT WE WOULD NOT DISCOUNT
POSSIBILITY OF SOME OFFICIAL CONNECTION.
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